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MOTOR/PUMP SHOE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 9, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a wear resistant shoe, comprising:
cold-heading one end portion of a generally cylindrical blank to radially increase and axially diminish the dimensions of the one end portion, and to work harden the one end portion while leaving an opposite end portion dimensionally unchanged;
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